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**Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WEB FORWARDING  
Inventors: Chun-Ming LU, Sterling, VA. and Vincent M. LEE, Ashburn, VA.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 26 pages, including 5 independent claims and 25 claims total.
2. Drawings - 7 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-8).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Network Solutions, Inc.
5. A check for \$976.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee, \$246.00 for additional claims, and \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.

**[Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/125,107 filed March 19, 1999.]**

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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